

## REBEL ROUT; FIFTEEN KILLED

### MEXICAN TROOPS WIN A VICTORY IN THE FAR WEST.

Invading Party Bound for Lower California Surprised in Pecos Canyon Big Talk but No Fight at Juarez Reinforcements in a Speedy Outset.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Feb. 8. Pouring a deadly fire into the ranks of sixty revolutionists, Capt. Gonzales and a Mexican Federal force of seventy-five men drove the insurgents out of Pecos Canyon late yesterday after killing fifteen men. The battle was fought near Campo, about fifty-one miles southeast of San Diego, and news of the casualties was telephoned to this city to-night.

Gov. Gage of Lower California and a body of mounted men in pursuit of the revolutionists who escaped from the canyon. The insurgents are fleeing toward Mexico through a country without means of communication, and the next news regarding them and their pursuers probably will come from that place.

According to the news received here, the battle in the canyon which is eighteen miles from Campo, was short and bloody, lasting only forty-five minutes. The Federal troops besides killing fifteen men, wounded a number and captured six and 2,000 rounds of ammunition.

It is believed here the Federal casualties were small as the Government troops had the advantage of position and surprised the revolutionists, firing a demoralizing volley into their ranks while they were passing through the canyon. The revolutionists at first fought with valor, but they could not dislodge the attacking party and took to flight. It is supposed the insurgents were part of a detachment sent from Mexico to take possession of Lower California.

El Paso, Feb. 8. The Juarez situation apparently is waiting for the coming of Navarro and Blanco. If Navarro arrives first military men do not believe Juarez will ever be taken or that it will even be assaulted. If Blanco arrives first with insurgent reinforcements Orozco declares he will attack Juarez at once.

Orozco and his army still occupy their position between the smelter and Old Fort Bliss on the Mexican side of the river, and this morning received about 100 reinforcements, part of their own men who remained behind in the mountains when Orozco marched in on Tuesday.

That insurgent reinforcements are coming from the east is certain. Three hundred under command of the insurgent leader Alanis camped on Tuesday night opposite Yuleta at the little town of Saragosa, which they captured Tuesday afternoon. Mexican refugees arriving at Yuleta Wednesday morning gave the details of the arrival of the rebels and the capture of the town. The rebels are waiting for the word from Orozco that he is ready to attack Juarez.

The feature of to-day was the severity with which the Federal troops drew their line along the Texas border in efforts to prevent the insurgents from smuggling arms, provisions or men into Mexico. An insurgent General, José Perfecto Lemell, said to be a former Colonel in the Federal army of Mexico, was arrested with several other insurgents this morning while trying to get a wagonload of provisions into Mexico near the smelter for the insurgents. Nine armed insurgents were also arrested near Pecos. U. S. troops guarding the border.

After almost completing repairs on the Mexican Northwestern Railroad the train crew was forced to give up work at Pecos, twelve miles below Juarez, Wednesday morning, and return to Juarez. The train which was to have gone south Wednesday afternoon did not go. Mexican National workmen are making progress south of Juarez in repair work.

The insurgent army is now being organized into definite units with a signal corps, artillery corps and infantry and cavalry detachments. It is stated. A strategy board is also being organized to advise with Orozco regarding his movements.

A photograph outfit has been purchased for the insurgents and will be used in signaling.

A number of 100 rebel recruits crossed the river above the city late Tuesday night to join Orozco on the opposite side of the river from the smelter. The men were not armed.

Orozco had his men throw up temporary fortifications this morning and throughout the day the rebel camp was active in this work. Wigwagging was also constant among the insurgent soldiers and scouts occupied points on the hills. Many Americans visited the insurgent camp and souvenirs bearing the signature of Gen. Orozco became almost common, as his photographs have been in the past. Thousands of Americans not venturous enough to wade the river stood on the Texas side and watched the insurgents from the short distance that separated them.

Two insurgents wounded in the fight at Pecos on Sunday and left by Orozco at Pecos near Juarez died last night and were brought into Juarez to-day by David Corrales, owner of the ranch, for burial.

Unconfirmed reports came several times during the day that insurgents had met Gen. Navarro and his reinforcements advancing on Juarez and that fighting was occurring south of Juarez. These are generally discredited, yet are possible as both Navarro and Blanco, with their commands, are to the south, each trying to get here first.

Mail advices from Chihuahua are that the municipal offices and several other buildings have been fortified in that city with sandbags. Parrot reports the death of Pedro F. Gonzalez, aide to Guillermo Basa, commander of the insurgents in that vicinity.

Mexico City, Feb. 8.—In reply to the published report that Vice-President Ramon Corral, who has been at Tehuacan for several weeks for the benefit of his health, was in a dying condition, the following telegram has been received from that place:

The health of Vice-President Corral is satisfactory and he is much better. It is believed that he will be completely cured within a few days and then leave for Mexico City.

## MRS. BELMONT IN COURT.

Sits at Jefferson Market with Chief Magistrate McAdoo.

Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont and Harold Vanderbilt sat behind the rail in the Jefferson Market justice court for three hours yesterday afternoon and watched a long procession of pickpockets, unlicensed peddlers, alleged defrauders and assaulters and plain everyday drunks file mournfully past Chief Magistrate McAdoo.

Mrs. Belmont listened to the testimony in each case with careful attention and scrutinized plaintiffs, defendants and witnesses with smiling impartiality through her lorgnette.

Court was not adjourned until a few minutes before 6 o'clock, but there was nothing to distinguish the day from any other Jefferson Market Wednesday. Some of the spectators gazed expectantly at the suffrage leader when the wife of a man charged with grand larceny burst into a fit of hysterical weeping and refused to be comforted by the assurances of several policemen and a probation officer.

"I'm just living on drinks," she moaned, "and I've got a little baby!"

Mrs. Belmont's expression of curiosity did not change. Neither did she seem surprised or shocked when Ellen Daly was arraigned on a charge of habitual drunkenness, coupled with cruelty to her mother, Margaret Daly, who took the stand against her. Magistrate McAdoo said that he saw Ellen was in a highly nervous and unstrung condition and that he thought it would be good for her to go for a while to the House of the Good Shepherd.

The sympathy of the Magistrate was awakened also by the case of Mrs. George Wiedner, who tried to bribe Herman Wiedner, a fourteen-year-old boy who had been beguiled into entrusting a package belonging to Solomon Desser, his employer, to a smooth-tongued elusive stranger, not to identify her son, George Wiedner, as the man in question. Herman said under oath that Mrs. Wiedner had taken him out in the hall and offered him money not to remember George, but added that he wouldn't tell him for any price.

"It would be quite within the law for me to have you arraigned on a charge of felony, but you are very obviously suffering for your son's sake. I have natural affection for your son and I will make no complaint of any disorderly conduct," said the Magistrate.

The case was adjourned until this morning.

## JAILED FOR BEATING BROTHER.

Charles W. Trask Battered Brother Stephen B. Held for Assault.

Stephen B. Trask of 191 East 177th street was arraigned before Magistrate Appleton in the Morrisania court yesterday and held without bail until Friday to await the result of the injuries to his brother, Charles W. Trask, whom he is charged with assaulting.

Stephen B. Trask is 55 years old, is married and has three children. His brother, Charles W., is a widower and lived with Stephen B. in an old mansion at the corner of Morris avenue. The brothers inherited considerable Bronx real estate from their father and he has had other occupations, then looking after his property.

Yesterday afternoon one of Stephen B. Trask's children ran to the home of the Rev. J. C. Smiley, pastor of St. Edmund's Episcopal Church, at 206 East Tremont avenue, and telling Mrs. Smiley that his father was quarreling with his mother, asked her to get a policeman.

Mrs. Smiley telephoned to the police. Policeman Charles Humbert found Trask at the house and also learned that the brother, Charles W. Trask, was in bed in another room as a result of injuries.

As Policeman Humbert got the story, the two brothers had been walking on Tremont avenue and at the Grand Convent street crossing, Stephen B. Trask, according to the story, struck his brother and as the latter tried to defend himself knocked him down. William Finney, a laborer of 204 Park avenue, tried to separate the two men. Failing, he ran to Mr. Smiley's house, and the minister crossed the street to where Stephen Trask was standing over his brother, who was lying on the sidewalk.

Mr. Smiley grabbed the man who was standing, and Charles Trask was helped to his home. Dr. Nathaniel B. Van Etten of 300 East Tremont avenue has been treating Charles Trask. He has a broken nose, and it is feared that his skull is fractured. Since Monday he has been unconscious at intervals, but yesterday he thought that he was considerably improved and would recover.

## DIAMOND BROOCH IN TAXI.

Mrs. Work Lost It and It Was Difficult to Find It.

A \$5,000 diamond brooch belonging to Mrs. Bertram G. Work, who with her husband, a wealthy rubber manufacturer of Akron, Ohio, is stopping at the St. Regis in transit for Florida, disappeared on Tuesday night and was recovered under circumstances that James Carroll, house detective at the St. Regis, says were about the most peculiar of his long experience in such matters.

Mr. and Mrs. Work, who had been calling on some friends in East Sixty-second street, returned to their hotel in a taxi cab a little after 11 o'clock. Soon afterward Mrs. Work telephoned down stairs announcing her loss, which she was positive had occurred in the cab. The management telephoned to the garage, but the cab was out, and then Carroll was sent up to the garage to wait for its return.

The chauffeur searched the vehicle and reported that he could not find anything. The manager of the garage then made a search and reported that there was nothing in the car that did not belong there.

"Let me have a try," said Carroll. He went at it methodically, examining every part of the interior, but without result. Then he decided to look back of the seat. There between the latter and the back seat he found the brooch. It had lodged there and stayed in spite of the possibility that the jarring of the machine might have dislodged it and thrown it into the street, which would in all probability have resulted in its absolute loss.

It is supposed that the brooch had become unfastened and that when Mrs. Work threw open her fur wrap in the car the brooch caught in it and was flung to where it was found.

Mr. and Mrs. Work waited up for news, and when about half past twelve Carroll returned with the brooch, they were overjoyed. He was rewarded.

## Taft to Call Extra Session

If Reciprocity Agreement Is Not Acted Upon.

He Practically Told Senators Who Called on Him That He Would Said He Had Assurances From Democrats That They Would Stand by the Agreement.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—President Taft made it clear to Senators who called upon him to-day that he will feel obliged seriously to consider the calling of Congress in special session if the Senate fails to act upon the Canadian reciprocity agreement before March 1 next. Senators Crane of Massachusetts and Carter of Montana talked with the President on this subject, and soon after their return to the Capitol word was passed along to other Senators that President Taft is very much in earnest in his special session talk and that there is a strong likelihood of Congress being called back if the reciprocity agreement is not definitely acted upon.

The news of the President's attitude caused a stir in the Senate, where everybody is looking ahead with eagerness to the closing of the present session on March 4.

The President is not attempting to threaten or coerce the Senate in this matter, but he believes there is a strong sentiment in the country in favor of the reciprocity bill. He made it plain to callers to-day that he is confident that the McCall bill embodying the terms of the agreement will pass the House with a large majority and that it also would be acted upon favorably by the Senate if permitted to come to a vote in that body.

The President now is simply asking that the bill be allowed to go to a vote in the Senate, and if it is talked about or buried in committee he probably will feel impelled under the pledges contained in the agreement to call the Congress in special session. This substance is the message which he gave to Senators who visited him to-day and which was later repeated with considerable effect at the Capitol.

Several Senators are bitterly opposed to the Canadian reciprocity agreement and in private conversation have already announced their determination to prevent the passage of the measure at this session. Members of the Senate who have called at the White House have tried to convince President Taft that the Democrats, who will be in control of the next House, would never consent to the passage of the reciprocity bill if he were to convene Congress in special session. These Senators have argued that the Democrats would immediately take up a general tariff revision of their own. President Taft has met these arguments with the statement that he has already received assurances from Democrats that they would stand by the reciprocity agreement in the event of a special session being called. The identity of the Democrats who have given these assurances has not been disclosed.

Some of President Taft's friends are advising him that he will lose nothing in a political way by calling a special session if he can get assurance that the reciprocity treaty will be passed. These advisers point out that the sooner he gives the Democrats an opportunity to revise the tariff the sooner they will be tangled in factional discord and strife.

For the present, however, Mr. Taft's best efforts will be devoted to obtaining action on the reciprocity agreement in the present session of Congress. He has now put the reciprocity legislation in the place of first importance on his program and he intends to make the strongest possible campaign for it. He leaves to-morrow on a trip to Illinois and will deliver one of two important reciprocity speeches on that journey.

It became apparent to-day that a determined effort is to be made by four members of the House Committee on Ways and Means to delay action by that committee on the agreement. Representative Gaines of West Virginia announced that at to-morrow's meeting he will move that the vote by which it was decided to close hearings on the McCall bill at 5 o'clock to-morrow afternoon be reconsidered.

The other committee members who are fighting reciprocity are Representatives Fordney of Michigan, Republican, and Broussard of Louisiana and Pou of North Carolina, Democrats. As the committee is overwhelmingly in favor of the agreement, the chances are that the hearings will be closed as scheduled and that a report on the bill will be made by the committee on Friday.

At to-day's hearings of the committee some light was thrown on one argument that will be advanced against the agreement when it is brought up for debate in the House. In questioning witnesses Representatives Fordney, Broussard and Pou expressed doubt that the Ottawa Ministry had authority to bind the provinces to the terms of such an agreement as is now under consideration.

This was brought out in connection with a discussion as to the control of the forest lands in Canada. Both Mr. Fordney and Mr. Broussard insisted that the provinces controlled the forests and that the Ottawa Government was in no position to guarantee that the restrictions as to the exportation of products of the forests would be removed as contemplated in the reciprocity pact. To this extent they gave voice to the thought that when the time came the Ottawa Government would be powerless to make good its end of the bargain.

## CHANCE FOR SUFFRAGE?

Constitution Bill Wins First Place in Parliament, but Asquith May Kill It.

LONDON, Feb. 8.—Luck served the women's champions in Parliament to-day when a ballot was taken to secure places for private bills. They won first chance for the suffrage bill.

The constitution committee thereupon met and revised the bill so that it will enfranchise all women householders. The committee also adopted a resolution appealing to Prime Minister Asquith not to take their day.

Unless the Government decides to extend its monopoly of the time of the House, the bill will probably be taken up on April 25, the Fridays between Easter and Whitsuntide being allotted to private bills, but there is no present certainty that it will get beyond the initial stages.

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## ASHES ON HUSBANDS GRAVE.

Widow of Ole Bull Will Provide For Disposition of Body.

BIDDEFORD, Me., Feb. 8. The will of Mrs. Sara C. Bull, widow of Ole Bull, the famous violinist, was presented for probate here to-day. Mrs. Bull died at Cambridge, Mass., on January 18. Her husband died in 1880.

By the terms of the will Ole Bull, Vaughn of Cambridge, daughter of Ole Bull, receives a small income from the estate, which is estimated at \$500,000. The will covers fifteen typewritten pages and is dated July 14, 1910, and there is a codicil dated December 13, 1910.

Mrs. Bull directs that her body be cremated and the ashes taken to Bergen, Norway, there to be strewn over the grave of her husband. She leaves to her daughter, Mrs. Vaughn, all her household furniture. After many bequests to people in all parts of the world she creates a trust fund which gives a moderate income to her daughter. In another part of the will she leaves \$5,000 to her daughter, but in the codicil revokes this bequest.

## BLOODLESS FIELD OF HONOR.

Thyssen Duel Fought With Regard for the Pocket of Herr Borchardt.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

BERLIN, Feb. 8.—After detectives had balked three attempts to meet on the field of honor August Thyssen, son of the Westphalian coal and iron magnate, who is now in the bankruptcy court with debts of \$4,000,000, and Herr Borchardt, his former administrator, whom he blames for his financial trouble, evaded them this afternoon and fought a duel with pistols.

The combat had some Gallic features, including the principal one that neither of the adversaries received the slightest injury. Since Monday they have spent the intervals of dodging the police in practising with revolvers, being frequently side by side in the same shooting range and firing at the same dummy man under the eyes of their respective seconds.

This afternoon they met in the snow covered country in the outskirts of Berlin and exchanged three bloodless shots at fifteen paces. The umpire and the fifteen witnesses then decided that honor had been propitiated and the party returned to Berlin without, however, being reconciled.

As Borchardt is a good shot and as Thyssen improved greatly in his recent practice, a partial explanation of the harmlessness of the duel given by the newspapers is perhaps near the mark. It is stated that Borchardt, when acting as Thyssen's administrator, backed Thyssen's bill to the amount of \$1,000,000. If he had killed Thyssen he would have loaded himself with debt far beyond his means.

## DR. TANNER TO FAST AGAIN.

He's 81 Years Old Now and Will Try 80 Days Abstinence.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 8.—"I am going to try to show the American people the way to settle one and for all the beef trust and the high cost of living," said Dr. Henry S. Tanner to-day.

Dr. Tanner celebrated his eighty-first birthday yesterday by beginning a fast which he will try to hold for eighty days. The doctor says that the average man and woman eat too much.

"When I pass the 100 year mark I will get married," said the doctor. "Fasting is a growing and a person should not stop at the end of thirty days."

## CORNICE FALLS ON FIREMEN.

Knocks Three Off a Tenement Ladder Into a Friendly Heap of Snow.

Three firemen were cut and bruised by a falling cornice of a tenement house at 1562 1/2 Washington avenue, the Bronx, early last night. Another fire in the neighborhood had called out the district's apparatus and a few moments before so that remoter apparatus arrived late.

Fireman Foley of Engine 50 started up a ladder on the front of the building followed by Ruff and Connolly of Hook and Ladder 32. When the ladder was a little above the level of the first floor a tenement section of the cornice tumbled and striking the top of the ladder tobogganed full force into Foley, carrying him down on top of his comrades. All landed in a snow pile on the pavement. None was seriously hurt.

A strong party wall protected the neighboring building, from which the firemen finally overcame the blaze after nearly an hour's work. The damage was confined to the three front apartments on the top floor. The building housed forty-two families.

## AERONAUT'S FEAT OF DESCENT.

Comes Down 1,000 Feet Safely After Engine Stops.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Feb. 8.—A clogged cylinder, which stopped the engine of his aeroplane while he was soaring 1,000 feet above the earth, nearly resulted in the death of Ben D. Foulis, Signal Corps, U. S. A., being precipitated to death this morning.

He was trying out the machine to keep in readiness for an order to proceed to the border to do patrol work. He went up in a breeze which would have deterred most aviators.

The cylinder of the engine became clogged on account of not getting sufficient oil. He was then hovering over Fort Sam Houston barracks.

The only place possible to alight was almost directly under him on the parade grounds. He started earthward at a terrific speed, made four circles in a radius of not over 40 feet, and on the last barely passed over the artillery barracks chimneys, landing safely in the only open space near there without breaking the aeroplane.

## DEER ON ICE FLEE FIGHTS OFF EAGLE.

TARRYTOWN, Feb. 8.—A wild deer on the ice on the Hudson late this afternoon attracted the attention of thousands of persons along the bank. The animal was about half a mile off shore on a floe that was being carried up the river by the tide.

An eagle hovered over it and as the bird came down to close in the deer would rise to its feet to fight it off. Those who saw the deer said it was a fine specimen. A darkness came on the deer was still drifting up the river.

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## CORNELL MEN SENT TO JAIL

Two Students Punished For Saturday Night Riot.

One Must Serve Ten Days and the Other Five—Prosecutor Refuses to Yield to Court's Suggestion of Mercy—Talk of More Arrests and Expulsion.

ITHACA, N. Y., Feb. 8. With the local court room crowded to the doors by students and interest in the city running high, two Cornell undergraduates were sent to the Tompkins county jail to-day for participating in the rioting of Saturday night, which resulted in damage to property and a pitched battle with the local police force, a good many students being hurt and several officers banged up.

The young men sent to jail were Sidney Sichel of Nanuet, N. Y., a sophomore in the college of law, who was sent up for five days, and Ralph Warren Perkins of Hudson, Mass., a freshman, who got a ten days sentence. Both men admitted having been on hand when the rioting occurred, though Sichel's lawyer said he was only a bystander. Perkins, who is working his way through the university, admitted having taken part in the riot and resisting arrest.

Pleas for mercy were made for both young men, but City Attorney McAllister demanded a jail sentence and announced that if the police were successful in arresting the ringleaders, whom he denounced as cowards, he would do his utmost to have them sent to the penitentiary for six months, the maximum sentence under the law.

Sichel's mother, who arrived here to-day, was in the court room. She broke down and wept when the City Attorney was speaking and was deeply affected when the Judge pronounced sentence. The Court refused to impose a fine in lieu of the jail sentence, but put it up to the prosecuting officers as to whether the sentence should be suspended. The police, however, declined to make that concession. Both young men went to jail to-day.

The sentencing of the two men to-day has not appeased citizens, who demand that the ringleaders be prosecuted. The police have evidence against several undergraduates, they say, and additional arrests are expected. That some of the junior week house parties now making merry on the hill may be rudely interrupted is a contingency. It is also understood that the student conference committee, which passes on grave cases of breaches of discipline will recommend the expulsion from the university of some of the men implicated.

## MAY LET KANSAS WOMEN VOTE.

Men to Ballot on Amendment Granting Full Suffrage.

TOPEKA, Kan., Feb. 8.—It is now up to the voters of Kansas to say whether women shall vote on all questions in this State except the Presidency. The resolution for a constitutional amendment which was passed by the Senate this afternoon and adopted with little opposition.

This proposition is distinct from that discussed by the Senate and referred to the Judiciary Committee. The morning discussion had to do with a bill to permit women to vote in Presidential elections.

The resolution which was voted on favorably this afternoon submits to the men voters of the State an amendment to the Constitution giving women a vote on Senators, Congressmen and all State and legislative officers. They already have the right to vote for all city officials.

## HOFFSTOT FEARS PREJUDICE.

Steel Car President, Accused of Bribery, Asks Change of Venue.

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 8. Frank N. Hoffstot, president of the Pressed Steel Car Company and president of the German National Bank of Allegheny, under indictment in connection with the conspiracy case, has filed a petition with the Supreme Court of this State for a change of venue from Allegheny county, alleging that it is impossible for him to get a fair and impartial trial here.

The strike of the car company employees at McKees Rocks during the summer of 1909 and the graft crusade are alleged by him to have been causes which made him a target for the newspapers.

Hoffstot denies that he is guilty as charged in the indictments of conspiracy and bribery and attacks the validity of the indictments, claiming to be a resident of New York city and to have lived there for the last ten years.

## DENTIST WHO WAS SHOT DIES.

Worster, His Associate, Rearrested and Held for Coroner.

Frank J. Doland, dentist, of 164 East Fifty-ninth street, who was shot in the groin on the night of January 28, died yesterday in Flower Hospital. Dr. Selin E. Worster was arrested soon after the shooting charged with having fired the shot. He was released in \$3,000 bail. Yesterday afternoon he was found at the dental establishment and rearrested.

Magistrate O'Connor dismissed in the Yorkville court the charge of felonious assault which had been made against Worster and Coroner Winterbottom held him in \$5,000 bail pending inquiry into Doland's death. Doland made no statement as to who shot him. Alma Beckman, Worster's secretary, said she heard Worster and Doland quarrelling before the shot was fired, but she didn't see what was going on.

## BRYAN'S PLAN BEATEN.

Nebraska Turns Down County Option, for Which He Once Fought.

OMAHA, Feb. 8.—County option was defeated in the Nebraska Senate to-day by the narrow vote of 17 to 16.

The defeat is in a large measure due to the lassitude displayed by William J. Bryan, who did not raise his voice in support of the bill, although county option was the great issue in the last fall campaign, made so by the action of Mr. Bryan himself.

The county optionists control the lower house by a strong majority, and with a single change in the Senate the bill would have gone through.

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## GOVERNOR AND MAYOR MEET.

Won't Tell What They Talked Of; Bassett's Successor, Maybe.

Gov. Dix and Mayor Gaynor had a half hour's conference last night at the Waldorf-Astoria by appointment made by telegram.

When the Governor and the Mayor separated Mr. Gaynor would say nothing and all that Mr. Dix would say in reply to inquiries was that he had merely talked over some personal questions with the Mayor and incidentally a city matter. Mr. Dix declined to give any inkling as to what those matters were, but he did say that the Senatorship was not talked of.

It is understood that one of the subjects discussed was the appointment of a Public Service Commissioner to succeed Edward M. Bassett, whose term expired on February 1. It was not ascertained if the Mayor made any recommendation to Mr. Dix, who has the appointment.

## ARMISTICE IN HONDURAS.

Hostile in Complete Control at Puerto Cortes. Foreign Force Withdrawn.

PUERTO CORTES, Honduras, by wireless to New Orleans, Feb. 8. At 4 o'clock this afternoon official announcement was made of an armistice between the revolutionary forces under Manuel Bonilla and the Davila Government. Peace conferences will be held every day now on the United States gunboat Taconic. American and British marines and sailors were withdrawn from Puerto Cortes this afternoon, and Gen. Christmas with several hundred soldiers is in charge of the city.

Gen. Christmas made this condition precedent to any consideration of peace terms.

Gen. Maximino B. Rosales and Dr. Barahona will represent Davila, and Gen. Bonilla and Maximino Rivasara, Minister-General of the provisional Government, will conduct negotiations from that side.

## MRS. VANDERBILT TO ADGIRLS.

Big Sisters, Who Help the Wayward, Reported to Have Her Support.

The Big Sisters movement is said to have enlisted the aid of Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt. Her headquarters are in St. George's Place, New York, at 208 East Sixteenth street. Mrs. Vanderbilt would not verify the report yesterday and the members of the organization are reluctant to talk.

The Big Sisters plan to do for erring Protestant girls what the Big Brothers do for boys, that is, help them to new interests that will tend to improve their condition. They hope to be able to send a number of girls to a camp in the country next summer.

Mrs. M. W. Evans, the parole officer of the Children's Society, who worked in the Children's Court, has left the court to be probation officer for the Big Sisters.

## PLAY BY MARIE CORELLI.

It's to Be a London Hippodrome One Act Affair and Anti-Suffrage.

SPECIAL CABLE DISPATCH TO THE SUN.  
LONDON, Feb. 8.—Marie Corelli, making her debut as a dramatist, has made a contract to write a short one-act play for the London Hippodrome. Its title will be "The Sedan Chair."

The subject will be woman suffrage, which the novelist will treat from her own well-known anti-suffrage point of view. There will be four characters.

Miss Corelli will choose the cast and superintend the production, the date for which has not been fixed, but which will be soon.

It is said that Miss Corelli's reluctance to write for the vaudeville stage was overcome with the greatest difficulty. It is reported that she will be paid on a scale unprecedented for music hall sketches.

Although the suffrage question will be prominent, it will not absorb the whole play, which will have love interest and a happy ending. According to one report the play is already written and preparations are being made for rehearsals.

## SIX POLICE CAPTAINS MOVED.

Night Men at Headquarters Sent to Brooklyn—Change in New Tenderloin.

Six police captains will be transferred this morning at 8 o'clock. Capt. Thomas H. Brown goes